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SUBJECT: NAC SESSION MARCH 19, 1975: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SYG
COMMENTS ON NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) RECOMMENDATIONS AND RE-
SOLUTIONS

REF: A) USNATO 1121; B) USNATO 1216; C) USNATO 1389

1. NAC CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESPONSES BY SYG TO
NAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS DURING MARCH 19 SESSION. THOSE
DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD LACKED INSTRUCTIONS DURING FIRST
CONSIDERATION OF NAA TEXTS ON MARCH 12 COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON
PROPOSED SYG RESPONSE.

2. COMMENTS OF NAC MEMBERS DURING BOTH SESSIONS WERE GENERALLY
MINOR IN SUBSTANCE AND CONFINED TO CHANGES IN PHRASING OR NUANCE.
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT REVISION CAME IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED
SYG COMMENT ON NAA RECOMMENDATION 41 "ON DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET
MARITIME CAPABILITY" (REF A). AT INITIATIVE OF LOGAN (UK),
SYG AGREED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO "THE WITHDRAWAL OF
BRITISH FORCES AND COMMITMENTS", AND IN RESPONSE TO
ERALP (TURKEY), SYG CHANGED REFERENCE TO "UNCERTAINTIES IN
THE FIELD OF U.S. MILITARY AID" TO READ "THE U.S. EMBARGO ON
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS TO ONE MEMBER COUNTRY,...."

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3. NATO/IS WILL ISSUE FINAL TEXT OF SYG REMARKS INCORPORATING
ALL PERMREP SUGGESTIONS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, AND MISSION WILL
POUCH IT TO DEPARTMENT.

4. MISSION COMMENT: THIS YEAR'S NAC DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SYG RESPONSES TO NAA TEXTS WAS MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. MISSION BELIEVES THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCREASED CONSULTATION BETWEEN STAFFS OF NAA, NATO/IS AND USNATO PRIOR TO AND DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE NAA TEXTS. THIS ENABLED NAA STAFF TO DRAFT BETTER TEXTS, WITH MORE REASONABLE AND REALISTIC POINTS INCLUDED. FURTHERMORE, TEXTS WERE TARGETTED BETTER, I.E., THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NAC/DPC AND THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROPRIATE FOR THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE. THUS, SYG AND COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE TO COPE WITH PROPOSALS COMPLETELY BEYOND THEIR COMPETENCE. ACCORDINGLY, DRAFT OF THE SYG'S REMARKS WAS ALSO MORE APPROPRIATE AND THE PERMREPS' DISCUSSION ENCOUNTERED FEWER PROBLEMS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.
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